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money. Like I said, I wanted to put out some of this factual information as far as the NAEP test, and then go on, and I hope we can have a good debate as far as the one test or letting each school district use what they currently have in standardized tests that cover about 48 percent of the standards, and that they would then develop a number of tests for the rest of the standards. As I understand it, and what the Commissioner of Education has explained to me, that that would be a better assessment of the standards, a measure of the standards, by allowing this multiple faceted testing at the school districts; that if we're really wondering, and I think that's where the debate comes down,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...are we looking at a measurement to decide if our standards that they're implementing are improving education, or are we looking for something that tells the public how your school is doing? I think there are two different issues. With the multiple tests, we're getting at the issue of the standards. With the report card, I would suggest, we're getting at the issue of relating to the public how your school is doing, but maybe not in the fashion Senator Beutler says, where he thinks one single test gives the public a better measurement than the report card. And so I will be willing to continue to answer any questions. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Mr. Speaker, I would request that the Chair rule on whether this amendment is germane to the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Redfield, if I could...I'll look at it. Could you state why you believe it's not germane.

SENATOR REDFIELD: The bill, LB 144, is a bill which changes provisions relating to state aid payments. It deals with payments of less than \$10,000 per year to a school district, allowing us to make one check rather than monthly payments to the school districts. The amendment deals with assessments, and I think it's a very important issue. I think Senator Beutler has raised a very valid argument in the fact that the state has